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1. On 6 November 1948, in a private conversation, a high official of the Central Administration of Chemistry stated that the recent newspaper stories about a third wave of dismantling in the Russian Zone were completely without foundation. He said that he had seen no orders or documents dealing with any dismantling in the chemical industries of the Russian Zone.
2. On 6 November, after the end of the normal working day, a Russian commission visited the Oberspreewerk in Berlin. Voronkov, the Russian business manager, stated that they had come on an inspection tour prior to initiating dismantling proceedings.
3. The German Economic Commission (DWK) has been required to inspect and prepare an estimate of all of the plants of the mining, foundry, and electrical industries, including privately owned, Volkseigene, and Soviet AG plants. A Russian commission has also been required to duplicate the work. The DWK order specified that this measure was preparatory to a new dismantling process. It is expected that after a partial dismantling, the firms will be "sold to Germany", the price to be paid in goods to be delivered.
4. A report dated 8 November states that the recently publicized plans of the SMA and the DWK for dismantling include a 60% dismantling of the former I. G. Farben plants, now SAGs, of Bitterfeld, Wolfen-Filmfabrik, and Wolfen-Farbenfabrik. The plants are then to be converted into publicly owned enterprises.
5. A report dated 10 November from an untested source, states that in late October K. I. Koval, SMA economic adviser, informed the DWK that there would be new dismantlings during the winter months, primarily in the Soviet AGs, prior to the evacuation of the Soviet Zone by the Russians. The newest information available is that these dismantlings have been postponed indefinitely because of the present circumstances. It is considered, however, that there will be a certain amount of dismantling and moving of foundries, because it will soon become impracticable to import steel and coal to the Russian Zone for processing. The plants may be moved intact to Polish or

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